

Serial No. 10/575,502
Docket No. X-16327

Amendments to the Drawings

None

Remarks/Arguments

In this Response to Office Action, Claims 1, 5 and 8 have been amended to consistently identify the claimed “nut driver”. Claims 1 and 5 have also been amended to consistently identify the claimed “travel path” as being just that as opposed to the “driver travel path”. Claim 1 has been amended to identify the “drive member” as the “screw element”. It is believed that no new matter has been presented as these amendments are supported by the application text and figures. Thus, Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application in view of these amendments and the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. In response, the above identified amendments regarding the “nut driver” are believed to overcome this rejection. The Examiner will also note that the above identified amendments related to “travel path” which were identified by the undersigned while making amendments to the nut driver address any possible issue related thereto.

In the Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, and the Examiner made observations related to the “drive member” and the various “surfaces” associated with the “guide”. In response, Claim 1 has been amended to recite “screw element” instead of “drive member”.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that no change to Claim 1 is required related to the “surfaces” of the “guide” in view of the original disclosure. In particular, the Examiner observed that it appears that the “surfaces” are disclosed as “portions” in the specification. However, such observation is not entirely accurate, as the four surfaces claimed do not correspond exactly to the four guide rib portions 124, 126, 128 and 130. The Examiner is directed to page 9, lines 22-26 of the disclosure, where the channels 142 and 144 are explained. It will be noted that in the embodiment described therat such channels are defined by various surfaces of guide rib portions and various faces of the guide element. As it is submitted that a “face” is recognized as being another way of identifying a “surface”, and that of course a surface is a “surface”, the description in the specification is adequately supportive of the claim language as presently presented. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection with respect to the “surfaces” of the “guide” is traversed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1, as well as Claims 2-5, 8 and 9 that are dependent on Claim 1, are in condition for allowance. Thus, it is requested that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If any extension of time or fees are required with this paper, such are hereby petitioned therefor and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 05-0840.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions if such would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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